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GUIDING RIGHT

Before deploying to Iraq, our transportation unit was understrength, so other Soldiers in the state that had an 88M military occupational specialty (transportation) were pulled from their units to head out with us. This caused some unforeseen issues. For instance, when ground guiding, these Soldiers used different hand and arm signals. At times, this could be frustrating.



WHAT WAS HE THINKING?

It doesn't matter whether you're in the pre-deployment phase or in the middle of a deployment; it is all part of the mission. A Soldier lost is a Soldier lost and that affects the unit's mission, not to mention the Soldier's family and his friends in the unit.



INTO A TRAP

I learned a valuable lesson one night regarding being unpredictable and the importance of frequently changing your route of flight. We should also use caution when creating reporting points in a combat environment.

DID YOU KNOW?



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SAFETY FEATURE

HERE IT COMES

Do you have an evacuation plan ready?

- Gather as a family and make a plan by walking through your home and inspecting all possible exits and escape routes.
- If you have children, show them two exits from each room such as a door and window.
- Designate a gathering point outside the home for everyone in the house to meet once they exit the structure.
- The plan should include two ways out of every room and an outside meeting place where everyone will gather. Once outside the home, call 911 using a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. It is important to practice your home fire drill at least twice a year.

READY ...OR NOT?

Ready ... or Not is a call to action for leaders, Soldiers, Army Civilians and Family members to assess their "readiness" for what lies ahead—the known as well as the unknown.

Throughout our professional and personal lives, events happen all around us. We are often able to shape the outcome of those events, but many times we're not. Navigating life's challenges is all about decision-making.

So are **YOU** ready ... or not?

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